

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on April 2, 2012 at the 1 Van Wyck Street

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

a. Call to Order

The following Officials were present.

Present/Absent	Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Murtaugh
	Trustee Gallelli	Trustee Schmidt- Absent
	Trustee Raskob-Late 8:07	Attorney Feldman
	Manager Zambrano	Treasurer Bullock

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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2. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Motion: Approve , Moved by Trustee Ian Murtaugh, Seconded by Trustee Ann Gallelli. Passed. 3-0.

Vouchers 2011-2012	
General Fund	\$ 85,934.32
Water Fund	10,236.31
Sewer Fund	66.00
Capital Acct.	40,397.16
Trust & Agency	2,580.00
Total	\$139,213.79

3. **PRESENTATIONS:**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a. Correspondence-Croton Friends of History

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b. Correspondence-Food Bank

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c. Correspondence-Amtrak

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d. Correspondence-NY Metropolitan Transportation Council

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e. Correspondence- 337 S. Riverside Ave. -Req for Extension of Building Permit

A letter from Village Engineer Daniel O'Connor requesting an extension of a building permit for 337 South Riverside Ave. Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion, approved with a vote of 4-0.

 [memo to Village manager on BP extension.pdf](#)

 [337 SRA building permit extension request.pdf](#)

5. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items):**

Pat Moran of 49 Penfield Avenue stated she sent the Village two documents today, one on the proposed Negative Declaration Resolution for Harmon on tonight's agenda and one on the visual impact. Mayor Wiegman confirmed that both documents were received. She also questioned Attorney Staudt if the records would become part of the record. Attorney Staudt responded that the documents would become part of the administrative record for Local Law 3 of 2010 (October 2011 version). Ms. Moran also asked if the voucher would continue to be made available online as she did not see the document online for the last meeting. Manager Zambrano responded yes.

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Wiegman asked Village Manager Zambrano to read the topic sentences of the first three resolutions pertaining to the Harmon rezoning on tonight's agenda. After Village Manager Zambrano finished; Mayor Wiegman suggested that after discussion with Village Attorney Staudt, the time required to review the information received today and the fact there was not a full Board; tonight resolutions should be held over until the April 16th meeting. The consensus of the Board was more time was needed to read and digest the information received and should be discussed at a work session.

Trustee Gallelli motioned that the consideration of resolutions a, b and c be held over and voted on after discussion at the work session of April 9th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murtaugh and approved with a vote of 4-0.

a.

- [Resolution for adoption of negative declaration for Local Law No 3.docx](#)
- [Neg Dec form and attachments April 2012.pdf](#)
- [Local Law - 3 of 2010\(2011 version\).pdf](#)
- [RES-a-Resolution re. Croton Harmon - Alternate A or B \(00004005\).DOC](#)
- [Resolution Harmon-consideration - SEQRA Determination of Significance.PDF](#)
- [Memo from Village Attorney Staudt with Attachments \(00004030\).PDF](#)
- [Memo from Village Atty -revised local law and EAF addendum.pdf](#)
- [EAF-July 15, 2010.pdf](#)
- [2011 Planning Board harmonmemoFINALVERSIONapproved.doc](#)
- [WAC-Preliminary.PDF](#)
- [Westchester County response November 14, 2011.pdf](#)
- [Resolution to circulate amended LL#3 \(LBW5681\).DOC](#)
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b.

- [Resolution for referral of Local Law for WAC.docx](#)
- [Neg Dec form and attachments April 2012.pdf](#)
- [Local Law - 3 of 2010\(2011 version\).pdf](#)
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c.

- [Resolution for Harmon Local Law.docx](#)
- [Local Law - 3 of 2010\(2011 version\).pdf](#)
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d. On Motion of Trustee Ian Murtaugh, seconded by Trustee Casey Raskob, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 4-0:

WHEREAS, the Village Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (Emergency Medical Services) Department provides ambulance service to the Mount Airy/Quaker Bridge District on a contract basis each year, and

WHEREAS, the Town has provided the Village with the 2012 Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the 2012 Ambulance Agreement with the Town of Cortlandt which provides that the Town shall pay the Village the sum of \$61,126.00 for providing

Emergency Medical Service within the Mount Airy Quaker Bridge Fire District during the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

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- e. On Motion of Trustee Ann Gallelli, seconded by Trustee Casey Raskob, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 4-0:

WHEREAS, the Village and the Town of Cortlandt annually execute an agreement whereby the Village provides fire protection to the Mt. Airy/ Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District in the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a Public Hearing in regard to this proposed contract covering the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and WHEREAS, the agreement provides that the Fire Department will give fire protection to the Mt. Airy/ Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District at a total contract price to the Town of \$328,213.00 with \$65,642.00 to be paid to the Fire Council and the balance of \$262,571.00 paid to the Village; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement with the Town of Cortlandt whereby the Village will provide fire protection during 2012 to the Mt. Airy/ Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District at a total contract price of \$328,213.00 with \$65,642.00 to be paid to the Fire Council and the balance of \$262,571.00 paid to the Village.

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- f. On Motion of Trustee Ann Gallelli, seconded by Trustee Ian Murtaugh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 4-0:

WHEREAS, the Village owns three dams in the Croton River, and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene produced a high flow event in the Croton River which had potential to damage the dams, and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer conducted a site inspection of all the dams after the storm and has recommended that the Black Rock Dam and the Dam near the wells be thoroughly inspected, and

WHEREAS, in order for the Village to be able to submit a claim to FEMA for damages caused by the storm, a report must be prepared for an estimate for the replacement or repairs in kind; and

WHEREAS, CHA has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$6,000 for professional engineering services to perform dam safety inspections and prepare a report listing the extent of damages; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board authorizes the Village Manager to sign the proposal with CHA for professional engineering services to perform dam safety inspections and prepare a report listing the extent of damages in the amount of \$6,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount should be charged to account #A1940.4000.

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- g. On Motion of Trustee Casey Raskob, seconded by Trustee Ian Murtaugh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 4-0:

WHEREAS, the storage shed at the Croton- Harmon Train Station was damaged; and

WHEREAS, the Village submitted an insurance claim for damages and payment was received; and

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer wishes to open both sides of the General Fund budget to record the receipt and subsequent disbursement associated with insurance recoveries; amending the 2011-2012 General Fund budget as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE	Increase A1000.2680	\$610
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GENERAL EXPENSES Increase A5650.4000 \$610

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the 2011-2012 General Fund budget to reflect these changes.

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7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda Items):

Ginny Calcutti of 19 Hunter Place inquired as to what fund the money paid to the Village from the Town of Cortlandt for the Fire Protection District is deposited into. She stated she feels union and non-union employees should have the same dental plan at a lower cost. She inquired on the status of several projects that have been ongoing in the Village.

Robert Wintermeier of 43 Radnor Ave. discussed the budget trends of past several years and voiced his concern with the amount of money that is being used from the Fund Balance and the pension reserve to reduce taxes. He also stated that the Village should stop funding the Gouveia project.

Roseann Schuyler on behalf of LOGIC, the League of Open Government in Croton, asked that the Board to consider discussing the Harmon rezoning resolutions and the submission of papers today by Council at a televised Board meeting. She stated by allowing it to be televised more citizens would be better informed and benefit the community.

Mark Franzoso of Croton Point Avenue stated that he still has not heard from the Village Board, Staff or Management in regards to the Croton Point Avenue Project and was disappointed. He also stated that he was not pleased with a comment that the Village Manager made about the Village Tax rate at the Rotary dinner and questioned when the Board was going to follow the State and County with budget cuts.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes-Executive Session March 26, 2012

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on March 26, 2012. Trustee Raskob seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0.

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Minutes- March 19, 2012

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 19, 2012 as corrected. Trustee Raskob seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0.

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9. REPORTS:

Village Manager Zambrano apologized if his comments at the Rotary dinner offended anyone, the comment was said in jest. He wished everyone a Happy Easter. He informed the public that on Monday the Village experienced a large water main break and it took several hours to fix. Unfortunately, the residents at Half Moon Bay had no water for most of the day, but alternative methods are being looked into, as to avoid this happening in the future. Manager Zambrano also mentioned that the Visual Environmental Board has completed their recommendations for signage at Silver Lake and he will be bringing their recommendations to the Board for review. Manager Zambrano reported that he attended the Woman of Distinction ceremony that was hosted by Senator Greg Ball. Rosalind Morrissey was honored from Croton on Hudson and she is very deserving of this award as well as the many other women who give of their time to their Communities.

Treasurer Bullock wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Village Clerk DiSanto wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Trustee Raskob wished everyone a Happy Easter. He congratulated the Croton Destination Imagination teams for their success at the Regional Competition. He thanked Seth Davis and all involved for their hard work and dedication to the teams.

Trustee Raskob discussed the budget process and noted that certain items are mandated by the Federal Government and Contracts that are already in place; therefore, they cannot be cut from the budget. He stated that when the Village asks for a Study on a project it doesn't mean the project is going forward. The study is to obtain a professional analysis only. He also

stated that most people he has spoken with in regards to the Harmon re-zoning are in favor on the law. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Trustee Gallelli reported that the Conservation Advisory Council was very successful with their Gardening with Deer presentation which is part of their Green Living Series and that on the April 24 they will be presenting another workshop on Invasive Plants. Trustee Gallelli also reported that the Senior Club held their Elections and Dorothy Arensberg was elected President and Karen Columbo was elected Vice-President. She stated that budget work sessions are continuing with the most difficult sessions yet to come and that the Board is listening to the Department Heads and their recommendations and after all the work sessions are complete the Board will evaluate all the recommendations. Lastly, Trustee Gallelli felt compelled to correct a rumor that she has read in several places. She stated that the Village is not sending or storing damaged or broken down cars at a former car garage located at Benedict Blvd and South Riverside Avenue.

Trustee Murtaugh wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover. Trustee Murtaugh explained how funds from the Fund Balance are used and how it lowers the tax rate levied upon the residents. He stated he would like to correct a comment from a speaker this evening who stated that by using the fund balance the Village would go into debt. Trustee Murtaugh made clear that the Village would be irresponsible if they did not use the Fund Balance to lower the tax rate.

Attorney Staudt had nothing to report. He wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Mayor Wiegman reported that the Village participated in a very successful regional leadership summit at the Ossining Public Library on March 29; which brought together over 200 Mayors, supervisors and other staff from 56 Municipal governments that traded ideas on how to lower operating cost. The Mayor reported that the budget proposed by the Village Manager is a starting point for the Board and the actual adopted budget is typically lower. He further explained that due to mandated pension and health care cost the Village passed a resolution allowing the Board to override the 2 percent tax cost if needed.

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Raskob seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.